

New Teachers 2017-2018



David Dougal
Rockford Principal
Federal Programs Director

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David Dougal is the Principal of Rockford Elementary School. He is also the Federal Programs Director for the Snake River School District. Prior to coming to the Snake River School District, Mr. Dougal worked for the Soda Springs School District as the Special Ed Director and the middle school counselor. He also worked in the Blackfoot School District for 11 years.

Mr. Dougal received a Bachelors of Science from ISU in 1997. He then attended Boise State University and obtained a Masters Degree in Social Work in 1999. In 2002 he started working in the Bingham County Day Treatment program before returning to ISU to complete his Masters in Educational Administration in 2011.

Mr. Dougal is grateful to be blessed with 6 wonderful children who keep him truly busy. He also volunteers a lot of time to the Boy Scouts of America and has been to scout camp every summer since 2007. He enjoys the outdoors through camping, hunting and fishing. He also enjoys museums and seeing new places.

Mr. Dougal is very grateful to be working for the Snake River School District. He knows that this district is filled with wonderful people and can't wait to help his students reach for the stars.



Charlotte Reid
Jr. High Teacher

Charlotte Reid

Charlotte Reid graduated from Snake River High School in 1997. She attended both Utah State and Idaho State University, graduating with her Secondary Education degree in English, Natural Science, and English as a New Language. She married Jess Reid of Firth and began teaching at Firth High School. Two children blessed their lives while Charlotte continued to teach at a variety of schools. She obtained her Elementary Education certification so that she could teach in either an elementary or secondary setting. While ranching and taking a few years off teaching, Jess and Charlotte decided to homeschool their children until this year. This year brings such a huge shift for the family as Charlotte and the kids head off to school while Jess is left to his own devices on the ranch. Charlotte is excited to be at Snake River where the students are a high caliber and the community feels like home.



Heather Parkinson
Jr. High Math Teacher

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Heather Parkinson will be teaching math at the junior high. She is very excited to teach math this year. This will be her third year at the junior high. A lot of students will know her from being a part of the Friday School Program last year. Growing up, her family moved around a lot but for the most part she grew up in Iowa. She married a Snake River boy and fell in love with the area and community so they stayed put here. They have two kids at home. Her oldest, Chelsea, just turned 3 and her youngest, Tanner, also had his birthday this summer and turned 1. She loves to go camping and hiking. They spend all summer outdoors in the woods and she loves it! She loves using technology in her classroom. She thinks it is a great tool to allow students to move at their own pace until they can fully master what she is teaching.



Kaitlyn Mignin
5th Grade Teacher

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Kaitlyn Mignin is a 5th grade teacher at Snake River Middle High. She is a graduate of the University of Wyoming in May of 2017.

As part of the staff at the Snake River Middle School, she is excited to learn a lot and to have fun while doing it!! She wants her students to remember her class for being safe and a positive learning environment where they weren't afraid to make mistakes and learn from them.

The best way that parents and patrons can best help her do her job is by communicating frequently and having high levels of involvement.

Mrs. Mignin's hobbies include reading, cooking, whitewater rafting, listening to music, and being outside with her Labrador retriever (who she considers a member of her family and reminds her to find joy in the little things). She says, "My parents showed me what hard work looks like, my fiance pushes me to be the best version of myself, and I look up to my younger brother who is on his way to becoming a pilot in the Navy."



Kristine Van Orden
4th Grade Teacher

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Rockford Elementary welcomes Kristine Van Orden as a Fourth Grade Teacher. Mrs. Van Orden graduated from ISU in 2010 and recently completed her ABCTE for her teaching certificate. She is married to her best friend, Chad, for almost 11 years and they have lived in Pingree, Idaho for 9. They have four children: twins, Izzy and Brigham, who are in the 3rd grade, Raegan who is in 2nd grade, and Mallory who will be starting kindergarten next year.

Mrs. Van Orden's main goal is to do her best and learn as much as she can from the other amazing teachers in the district. She hopes to enjoy the kids and help them reach their full potential. She also hopes that her students will remember a good teacher who helped them succeed in fourth grade and that she cared for them. Parents and patrons can help her by supporting her in her position and being willing to communicate.

Mrs. Van Orden loves being outside or riding bikes. She also has a love of playing the piano and enjoys singing songs with her children.



Sydney Martin
4th Grade Teacher

Sydney Martin

Sydney Martin is a Fourth Grade Teacher at Rockford Elementary. For the past three years, she has worked as a special education paraprofessional at Snake River Middle School. She also attended College at Western Governors University.

As part of the staff at the Rockford Elementary, she hopes to instill a love of learning in all of her students and create a caring classroom community. She also hopes that her students will remember that she cared about them and supported them in everything they tried.

Sydney married Brandon Martin. They have a daughter, Rylee, who is 2 years old. She enjoys being with her family, running, and snowboarding.



Makenzie Huntsman
2nd Grade Teacher

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Makenzie Huntsman is a 2nd Grade Teacher at Riverside Elementary. She grew up in the Snake River area and graduated from Snake River High School in 2013. She graduated from Brigham Young University-Idaho in 2017 with her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in English Language Arts. She has been married for over two years to her husband who is applying to Physician's Assistant School. He grew up with six brothers, three younger and three older.

Mrs. Huntsman hopes that her students will remember that she truly cared for them and loved them, and that she always wanted them to succeed. A goal she has as a teacher is to teach each individual student, helping them learn and grow throughout the year, and for their parents to feel the same. She is here to teach not just literacy, math, social studies, and science skills, but life lessons. Parents and patrons can best help her by communicating with her constantly about expectations that they have about their child. Mrs. Huntsman enjoys hiking, camping, and running. She looks forward to working with your child!



Robin Henicksman
3rd Grade Teacher

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Riverside Elementary welcomes Robin Henicksman as 3rd grade teacher. She anticipates graduating in December of 2017 in Elementary Education from Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Ms. Henicksman’s goal as a teacher is to help her students know that they are able to learn a concept. We asked her what she hoped her students will most remember about her classroom. She said, “I want my students to remember that they are loved and that they can always learn something new.” Patrons and parents can best help her do her job by helping their children to do their homework and work hard towards their goals.

Ms. Henicksman has three sisters, two older and one younger. She loves to travel to different destinations like Mexico and Alaska. She loves to go camping and fishing, watch movies, and loves to reads. She also crochets and takes pictures.



Cindy Kofford
2nd Grade Teacher

Cindy Kofford

Cindy Kofford is teaching 2nd Grade at Riverside Elementary. She recently finished her Master’s in Education Administration with an emphasis as a Principal and Director of Special Education. She has taught for 14 years and last year was the Assistant Principal for Mountain View Middle School in Blackfoot.

Mrs. Kofford’s main goal for herself as a teacher at Riverside is to provide each student with the necessary instruction that will help them to be successful and gain confidence in their skills. She hopes that her students will have fun while learning.

She is married to Kyle Kofford and together they have one son, who will be a senior at Snake River High School, two married daughters, and two granddaughters. Her hobbies include roping, hunting and family.



Nai-Jiin Yang
School Psychologist

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Working with kids and watching them grow is the greatest reward to Ms. Yang as a school psychologist. Prior moving to the USA, Ms. Yang was a middle school guidance teacher in her home country, TAIWAN. Ms. Yang obtained her Ed.S. Degree from the University of Iowa in May, 2014. She worked for Bonneville Joint School District from 2014 to 2016 school year. She is excited to join Snake River School District this school year.

Ms. Yang likes to entertain family and friends. She loves to try new recipes and cook for the gathering. She keeps her schedule busy during the weekdays, and stays active on weekends. She goes swimming, hops on treadmill, or plays tennis with her family. These activities keep her life well balanced between work and family.

Life is full of surprises, and Ms. Yang learns new things every day. Ms. Yang hopes she can be successfully blended into the Snake River community and get familiar with the system, so she can incorporate the unique cultures, values and local resources in the community into her practices, and makes the psychological services tailored toward the community.

Ms. Yang believes each individual is born with gifts. When working with students, Ms. Yang enjoys helping them learning about their strengths and weakness. Ms. Yang loves to see her students be proud of their gifts, make the best bang out of their strengths, and find strategies to manage their weakness.

Parents and caregivers make a tremendous impact in a child’s education. A child benefits most when the school and the parents/caregivers work as a team. Keeping communication open is the key for such team work. Parents’ and caregivers’ inputs are always welcome and Ms. Yang values home-school collaboration.

Family means everything to Ms. Yang. Ms. Yang and her husband are originally from TAIWAN. They came to the USA for their graduate study 13 years ago, fell in love with the USA, and decided to raise their family here. They have two lovely elementary aged girls who are the center to their family life. The family travels each summer to visit national parks.



Amber Crapo
Special Education Teacher

Amber Crapo

Amber Crapo is Snake River School District's new Speech Language Pathologist. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology through Idaho State University and she expects to complete her Master's Program in Speech and Language Pathology.

She hopes that her students will remember her classroom as being a happy place to visit and play while they work on learning and improving speech and language skills. When asked how parents and patrons can best help her do her job, Amber said, "by being positive."

Amber is married to Kody Crapo and they have five children, four boys and one girl. They spend a lot of time playing in the mountains. She also enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, and hiking.



Rebecca Martinez
Riverside Special Education
Teacher

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Becky Martinez is a Special Education Teacher at Riverside Elementary. She was born in Blackfoot and attended schools in the Blackfoot School District. She graduated from Idaho State University with a degree in Social Work in May of 2016. She also work at Journeys DDA as a Habilitative Interventionist, fostering her love for social work however, her heart is in the education system, and especially in the Snake River School District!

Mrs. Martinez' husband is Hernan Martinez and he works at the junior high. He is also a student at the College of Southern Idaho. He eventually wants to attend medical school and become an anesthesiologist. Mrs. Martinez has six beautiful children who attend schools in this district. Tristen is 15 and a sophomore this year. Loucee is 11 and in the 6th grade, Michael is 9 and in 4th grade, and Slone is 6 and in 1st grade. Alessandra is 14 months old and Carolina was just recently born on the morning of the solar eclipse. They joke that maybe she will have magical powers, but so far the most impressive one is her ability to (almost) sleep through the night. :)

Mrs. Martinez is excited to work with the students and staff at Riverside Elementary this year. She hopes that they can all have a great and fun year together!



Dana Romriell
Special Education Teacher

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Dana Romriell is a Special Education Teacher at Snake River Middle School. She just finished her Bachelor's Degree in July of 2017 and will be entering a Master's Program in September.

When asked about her expectations or goals for herself as a teacher at Snake River, Ms. Romriell says, "I want to do all that I can to try to reach each student, to make a difference in their lives—no matter how small. I believe it is like a ripple effect and that by making a difference in their lives they will go on to make a difference in someone else's life, and so on rippling out forever. She hopes that her students will remember that she taught them that learning can be fun and the best way to learn is to love learning.

Mrs. Romriell has raised 9 children, 6 boys and 3 girls including a set of twins and a child with special needs. The odds are nearly in her favor as her boy/girl twins are now seniors and her youngest is a sophomore at Snake River High School. She loves gardening, canning, baking, and all things kitchen related, except the dishes. She also enjoys reading, doing wedding décor, and she is an avid scouter.